

House File 136

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act enhancing the penalty for a simple misdemeanor assault
2 against a sports official.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1505YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.2D ASSAULT AGAINST A SPORTS
1 2 OFFICIAL.
1 3 1. A person who commits a simple misdemeanor assault, as
1 4 described in section 708.2, against a sports official, within
1 5 the confines or immediate area of the athletic facility or
1 6 field at which an athletic contest is being or has recently
1 7 been held in which the sports official took an active
1 8 officiating role, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
1 9 2. For purposes of this section, a "sports official" means
1 10 any person who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or other
1 11 similar official at any athletic contest, and who is a
1 12 registered member of a local, state, regional, or national
1 13 organization which is engaged, in part, in providing education
1 14 and training related to officiating such athletic contests.
1 15 EXPLANATION
1 16 This bill enhances the penalty for a simple misdemeanor
1 17 assault against a sports official.
1 18 The bill provides that a person who commits a simple
1 19 misdemeanor assault against a person who is officiating an
1 20 athletic contest or against a person who has officiated in an
1 21 athletic contest, where the assault occurs within the confines
1 22 or immediate vicinity of the athletic facility or field where
1 23 the athletic contest is being or was held, is guilty of a
1 24 serious misdemeanor.
1 25 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
1 26 more than one year and a fine of at least \$315 but not more
1 27 than \$1,875.
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